Export of textiles

1168. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export of textiles have registered an increase during first nine months of the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the value of exports in this regard and the value of exports during corresponding period of last year; and

(c) the total exports expected for the present year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) As per DGCI&S data, the textile exports during the first nine months of 2002-2003 i.e. April-December 2002 have amounted to US$ 8849.4 million as against the exports of US$ 7814.6 million during the same period 2001, recording a growth of 13.2%.

(c) As per available DGCI&S data, the textile exports during the year 2002-2003 have amounted to US$ 11,842.2 million.

Expansion of mulberry sericulture in the new and non-traditional areas

1169. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Sericulture Projects envisage expansion of mulberry sericulture in new and non-traditional areas (outside Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir);

(b) how do the achievements in the new areas compare with the targets in terms of production of Bivoltine Cocoon and productivity;

(c) the State-wise and year-wise targets and achievements with steps taken or proposed to be taken for expansion of bivoltine sericulture during Tenth Plan?

THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Sericulture Projects (NSP) were implemented between 1988-1996